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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON RESUMED CIVIL WAR IN SUDAN

REF: STATE 178993

1. WE HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT WP STORY WITH SOURCES IN PRESS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GENERAL STAFF, SECURITY FORCES AND FOREIGN OFFICE, AS WELL AS WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN JUST RETURNED FROM SOUTH. ALL CLAIM TOTAL IGNORANCE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. WE NOTE THAT PDESIDENT NIMEIRI MADE TEN-DAY TRIP THROUGH EQUATORIA PROVINCE JULY 11-21 WITHOUT REPORTED INCIDENT. WE CONCLUDE THAT REPORT OF RENEWED OR IMMINENT FIGHTING IN SOUTH HAS NO BASIS IN FACT, AND WE CAN FIND NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT EXTRAORDINARY FLIGHT OF REFUGEES INTO ETHIOPIA.

2. THE ARMY UNIT MUTINY IN AKOBO IN EARLY MARCH, WHICH SEEMS TO BE PLATFORM ON WHICH WP STORY BUILT, WAS REPORTED IN KHARTOUM 543, 603, 619 AND 1614. WHILE DEATHS MAY HAVE RUN HIGHER THAN DOZEN ESTIMATED BY EMBASSY AT TIME OF INCIDENT, THERE IS NOTHING TO
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SUBSTANTIATE WP CLAIM OF 200 CIVILIANS KILLED AND 150

ANYANYA TROOPS DISARMED AND EXECUTED.(5

3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER SUDANESE MILITARY
DISSIDENTS BEING TRAINED IN ETHIOPIA, AS ALLEGED BY
SOURCE OF ADDIS 9056 (NOTAL), NOR CAN WE VERIFY VARIOUS
FIGURES APPLIED TO FLOWOF REFUGEES EITHER WAY
ACROSS WHAT IS BASICALLY UNCONTROLLED BORDER. IT IS
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT NUMBERS OF SUDANESE IN GAMBELA AREA
RUN INTO THOUSANDS, BU
STHERE IS NO NECESSARY RELATION-
SHIP TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN THE SUDAN.

4. SUGGEST PRESS GUIDANCE PARA 2 REFTTEL REMAIN UNCHANGED.
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